

## BOOK NOTICES

EVERITT, JAMES H. and D. LYNN DRAWE. 1993. *Trees, Shrubs & Cacti of South Texas*. Texas Tech University Press, Lubbock, TX 79409-1037 (1-800-832-4042). ISBN 0-89672-252X; ISBN 0-89672-253-8 (pbk). \$18.95 pbk. Text of colored photographs.

Contents include the preface, introduction with colored vegetational map, text with 204 colored photographs, bibliography, glossary, list of vertebrates, and index.

The text "contains a color photograph, the family name, scientific name, common name, general description, geographical range, and ecological characteristics for each species of the majority of trees, shrubs, and cacti occurring in the 14 southernmost counties of Texas."

The photographs are good and the photos are large enough, mostly two per page to provide a nice aspect. Only one word was found to be misspelled in browsing through the book ("*Baccharis*," p. 47)

This is an excellent pictorial book for the south Texas area and should be on your bookshelf or with you daily.—*Wm. F. Mabler*.

BURT, PAGE. 1991. *Barrenland Beauties*. (ISBN 0-919315-25-9, pbk). Outcrop Ltd., The Northern Publishers, Box 1350, Yellowknife, N.W.T., Canada X1A 2N9. \$25.00 (Canadian; includes postage). 246 pp.

This is a guide to some 100 species of "showy plants" of the Canadian arctic coast. The color photos—about 200 of them, a few full-page but most grouped two to four per page—are excellent. Notes on habitat, ecology, and uses are included (with summaries in Inuinaktun, the written form of the dialect commonly spoken in the central arctic). Described, too, are the setting, history, and botany of seven major coastal communities. The book has a glossary, a bibliography, and an index to common and scientific names. Page Burt is a naturalist at Bathurst Inlet Lodge, to which every summer come guests to learn about arctic natural history (I recommend the lodge highly). Although her fine book was written to fill the need for a guide to the marvelous, low-arctic flora of the inlet, its usefulness extends from there to Ellesmere Island. Enjoy this book in your living room (bonus: no mosquitoes); it is the next-best thing to going north.—*John W. Thieret*.